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# WELDING INSPECTION REPORT

Resident Engineer: Pursell, Gary **Report No:** WIR-002593

Address: 333 Burma Road **Date Inspected:** 16-Apr-2008

City: Oakland, CA 94607

**OSM Arrival Time:** 630 **Project Name:** SAS Superstructure **OSM Departure Time:** 1530 **Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV

Contractor: Zhenhua Port Machinery Company, Ltd (ZPMC), Changxing Island **Location:** Shanghai, China

**CWI Name:** See below **CWI Present:** Yes No **Inspected CWI report:** Yes N/A **Rod Oven in Use:** Yes No No N/A N/A **Electrode to specification:** Yes No Weld Procedures Followed: Yes No N/A N/A **Qualified Welders:** Yes No **Verified Joint Fit-up:** Yes No N/A N/A Yes No N/A **Approved Drawings:** Yes No **Approved WPS:** Yes No N/A **Delayed / Cancelled:** 

**Bridge No:** 34-0006 **Component:** OBG/Tower

# **Summary of Items Observed:**

Caltrans Quality Assurance (QA) Inspector Sherri Brannon arrived on site at the Zhenhua Port Machinery Company (ZPMC) facility at Changxing Island, in Shanghai, China to periodically monitor welding and Quality Control (QC) functions. While on site the QA Inspector observed and/or discovered the following.

# **OBG/Tower Sub-Assembly**

Bay 2

77 & 144 Meter Mock-up:

QA Inspector Brannon observed tower mock-up to be idle during this shift. QA Inspector Brannon also, randomly observed ZPMC personnel CNC torch cutting with 75% natural gas and 25% oxygen for interior splice plate for various tower elevations.

# Bay 3-OBG side panel:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC welder Mrs. Gu Cai Hong ID #053748 welding fill/cover pass's joining SP561A, pl 1002A to pl 1002B and SP513, pl 599A to pl 599B. Mrs. Gu was observed welding in the 1G (flat) position utilizing a submerged arc welding (SAW) process with a 4.0mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand EM12K, class JW3, machine. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC CWI Inspector Mr. Zhao Chen Sun verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Zhao Chen Sun to be: preheat temperature of 110°C and welding parameters amps of 500, volts of 30.0, and a travel speed of 470. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-T-2221-B-L2c-S-1.

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## Bay 3-OBG side/bottom/edge panels:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welders, tack welding various T stiffeners plate utilizing a shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) process with a 4.0mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand E7018, class TL508. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-P-2112-FCM.

#### Bay 4 – Heat straightening side panel:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC personnel performing heat straightening on various side/bottom/edge panels and tower diaphragm plates. Side/bottom/edge panels cause for heat straightening welding distortion and tower diaphragm pates cause for heat straightening mill induced. Heat Straightening is performed by flame straightening using oxygen acetylene or natural gas using a hand torch.

# Bay 4 Tower 33 Meter Elevation:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC welder Mr. Jiang Jingfeng ID #046830 welding fill/cover pass's joining SA276 (N) to P284 (N) weld joint # NSD1 SA276 -1B/2B. Mr. Jiang was observed welding in the 1G (flat) position utilizing a submerged arc welding (SAW) process with a 4.0mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand LA-85, class ENi5, machine. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC CWI Inspector Mr. Zhao Chen Sun verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Zhao Chen Sun to be: preheat temperature of 180°C and welding parameters amps of 635, volts of 30.8, and a travel speed of 500. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-T-3221-B-U3c-S-1.

### Bay 7-OBG - Floor Beam Sub Assembly:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC personnel performing heat straightening on various floor beam plates. Cause for heat straightening welding distortion. Heat Straightening is performed by flame straightening using oxygen acetylene with hand torch.

#### Bay 7-OBG - Floor Beam Sub Assembly:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welder Mr. Hong Shuili ID#044815 repair welding at the weld joint FB026-01-127. Mr. Hong was observed welding in the 1G (flat) position utilizing a flux corded arc welding (FCAW) process with a 1.4mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand E71T-1, class Supercored 71H, semi automatic. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC Inspector Mr. Hu Wei Qing verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector Brannon observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Mr. Hu Wei Qing to be: a minimum preheat temperature of 110°C and welding parameters amps of 295, volts of 30.2, a travel speed of 538 mm/min and a gas flow of 22L. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-345-FCAW-1G(1F)-FCM-Repair. See also, ZPMC welding repair report #B-WR190 and ZPMC UT report #787-UT-435 for more information.

#### Bay 7-OBG floor beam panels:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welders, tack welding various floor beam web splice connections utilizing a shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) process with a 4.0mm diameter electrode, filler metal

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brand E7018, class TL508. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-P-2211-B-U2.

# Bay 8 – 47.6 Meter Tower Diaphragm Sub Assembly:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welder Mrs. Xi Pei Pei ID #048431 groove welding fill pass's joining SA372 (W) to P965 (W) weld joint WSD1 SA372-3B. Mrs. Xi was observed welding in the 1G (flat) position utilizing a submerged arc welding (SAW) process with a 4.8mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand LA-85, class ENi5 machine. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC CWI Inspector Lv Jiangang verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Lv Jiangang to be: preheat temperature of 180°C and welding parameters amps of 604, volts of 30.9, and a travel speed of 478 mm/min. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-T-3221-B-U3c-S-1.

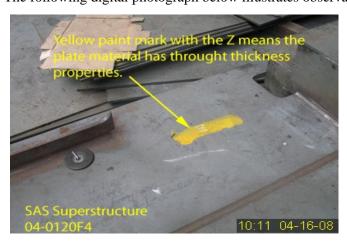
# Bay 8 – 18 Meter Tower Diaphragm Sub Assembly:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welder Mrs. Ma Ying ID #045270 groove welding joining SA316 (N) to P778 (N) weld joint NSD1 SA248-1B & 2B. Mrs. Ma was observed welding in the 1G (flat) position utilizing a submerged arc welding (SAW) process with a 4.0mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand LA-85, class MIL800-HPNI, machine. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC CWI Inspector Lv Jiangang verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Ly Jiangang to be: preheat temperature of 180°C and welding parameters amps of 607, volts of 29.6, and a travel speed of 487. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-T-3221-B-U3c-S-1

# Bay 8 – Heat straightening:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC personnel performing heat straightening on various tower diaphragm flange plates. Tower diaphragm plates cause for heat straightening mill induced distortion. Heat Straightening is performed by flame straightening using natural gas with a hand torch.

The following digital photograph below illustrates observation of the activities being performed.





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# **Summary of Conversations:**

No relevant conversations to report.

# **Comments**

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Mazen Wahbeh, (818) 292-0659, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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